

# FIRST FOCUS

## **FRIENDS WITH JESUS**

At our Life Groups:EQUIP training weekend September 12-13, Rick Howerton challenged us to look away from the church and see the future church. Around us in offices, homes, neighborhoods, and mission projects, we'll see the people that will one day be a part of the church. There's only one caveat. We need to show them what a friendship with Jesus looks like and introduce them to our best Friend.

Friendship with Jesus gives us opportunities to introduce people to have faith in Jesus. When Jesus is a concept that we're trying to discuss or a set of propositions we're trying to remember, a discussion about faith becomes a very uncomfortable, awkward series of missteps trying to figure out when I "switch gears" and shift into evangelistic mode. When Jesus is your friend, out of our normal, natural relationships, you'll talk about the people who are your friends. You'll serve and share faith, because this is what you naturally do.

This month and next month, we'll be giving you two opportunities to do what comes naturally. Share the good news, while you do good deeds. This Sunday, we'll commission and congratulate these who are leading and participating in Life Groups. You can't bless without a party, so we've invited local food trucks to line the parking lot. We'll have dinner on the pavement, and bless those moving out. As part of the celebration, Julie Boyd will be with us in both morning services to keep us laughing as we commission these groups to serve with the joy of the Lord. She's also a part of a big night on Sunday night for Zach and our college students at the City-Wide College Missions Banquet.

October 25 is our annual service day called "First Love." Volunteer enlistment is underway on our website and on paper in the Connect Center. Please send the link to our online enlistment to your offices, neighborhood, and college groups to invite them to serve with us. We'd love to have their help, so we can share while we serve with our community. Deadline for volunteers is October 12.

Around us, you'll see the future church. Let's tell our friends about our Friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", located in the bottom right corner of the page.

# THIS WEEK

## FIRST STEP

Are you new to FBCTLH, or maybe you've been a regular attendee for the past few months? If so, please join us for our next "First Step" with Dr. Shiell to discuss what it means to be a member of our church family, and how to get plugged in here! We will meet THIS SUNDAY at 10:15AM in the welcome center. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Singletary (hannah@fbctlh.org).

## FOOD TRUCK SUNDAY

THIS SUNDAY at 11:15AM and 12:15PM, there will be several food trucks parked in our lot on Duval Street, creating a food court on wheels. You can purchase your lunch from one of the food trucks, and eat in the fellowship hall. We hope you'll take this opportunity to have a good time in Jesus' name and make some new friends feel like family!

## CITY-WIDE MISSIONS DINNER

College students, you are invited to join us THIS SUNDAY, September 21, at 5:45PM in the fellowship hall for our first City-Wide Missions Dinner. Share with us in a FREE dinner event to inform and engage college students in gospel opportunities here in Tallahassee and around the world.

## FIRST LADIES

FBCTLH ladies of all ages and their guests are invited to a special First Ladies Fall Supper on Monday, September 22, at 6:30PM at Chicken Salad Chick (1410 Market Street). Our special guest will be Julie Boyd, the Florida Baptist Children's Homes Vice President. Join us as we hear from Julie about a new Florida Baptist Children's Homes initiative, The Porch Light, which focuses on rescue and restoration of child victims of domestic sex trafficking. Enjoy a buffet-style supper (only \$8) as we join together for a time of fellowship (door prizes, food, new & old friends...), inspiration, and information. Please RSVP to Barbara Corven (422.2902 or bcorven@corveneng.com) or to the FBC main office (sharon@fbctlh.org or x101) by Friday, September 19.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
10:15AM First Step, Welcome Center  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
5:45PM City-Wide Missions Dinner, Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room  
6:30PM First Ladies Fall Supper, Chicken Salad Chick

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30AM Women's Bible Study, Gardner Home  
11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room  
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Children's Music & Missions, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Youth Choir, Adams 211  
6:00PM Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315  
6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301  
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:00PM Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201  
7:00PM Chamber Players Rehearsal, Adams 200  
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201  
5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200  
5:30PM First Love Committee, Conference Room

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

# COMING SOON

## NEWLYWED SEMINAR

It's time for the 2014 Newlywed Seminar! Jim and Pam Cooke will lead the discussion using *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts* by Les and Leslie Parrot as our guide. If you were married sometime in the last couple of years, you qualify as "newlywed". Please join us at Jim and Pam's house on Monday, September 29, at 6:30PM. To reserve your spot or to get more information, contact Jim (jimcooke4@embarqmail.com or 893.1919).

## FIRST LOVE

Our annual First Love community missions day is October 25, from 8:30AM until 5:00PM! We invite you to join our church family and other volunteers as we come together and serve our city. There is a place for you to use your gifts - sewing, praying, singing, constructing, and more. Register online at [fbctlh.org/firstlove](http://fbctlh.org/firstlove) or by using the forms available in the connect center this week to mark projects that interest you. Our First Love committee will match you to a project team based on needs and registration order, and your team leader will contact you to let you know where you've been assigned. A free bagged lunch is provided to all participants, and free childcare is also available.

If you know of any project or organization that needs our help, please contact Hannah Singletary ([hannah@fbctlh.org](mailto:hannah@fbctlh.org) or x146) for a project request form.



### FBCTLH LIBRARY NEWS:

- A donation has been given by the Adult 3 SMBS class in memory of Mrs. Jewell Cassels, mother of Leon Cassels.
- Another donation has been made in memory of Myrtle Houston Barron, mother of Linda Croushorn.

## SERVE

### SABAL PALM

Our partners at Sabal Palm Elementary School need volunteers for this school year, as well as some new donations; everyone can participate! If you are willing to help with any of the following, please contact Children's Ministry (x501 or [rhonda@fbctlh.org](mailto:rhonda@fbctlh.org)). *\*Please do not donate any candy.*

- **volunteers** needed for laminating - once per month, volunteers will need to pick up materials at school, take to the District Media Center to laminate, cut out materials, and return to school
- **volunteers** needed for home projects - new math and reading materials are given November-December that will need to be sorted and laminated
- **contributions** needed for "treasure boxes" - little prizes that teachers can give to students on special occasions (books, puzzles, etc.)

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of September, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **baby diapers** (any size) and **toilet paper**. This diaper drive will address one of the biggest needs in caring for children in the Florida Baptist Children's Home. Though all sizes are welcome, larger sizes (3+ and Pull-Ups) are especially needed. Collection bins are in the College Avenue foyer, the welcome center, by the elevator on the first floor of the Adams building, and in the main office.



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#### SERVICE RECORDINGS

[fbctlh.org/sermons](http://fbctlh.org/sermons)

Our Traditional Worship service is broadcast on Comcast Channel 21 at 11:00AM each Sunday.

Contact x215 or [lee@fbctlh.org](mailto:lee@fbctlh.org) with questions.

If you are homebound and would like to be on our mailing list to receive a free DVD of our worship services each week, please contact x201 or [leinoir@fbctlh.org](mailto:leinoir@fbctlh.org). All other requests are \$5, and can be made at the front desk or online at [fbctlh.org/contact](http://fbctlh.org/contact).

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#### FELLOWSHIP MEAL

September 24 - meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, field peas, rolls, salad bar, and dessert *\*for kids: hamburger or hot dog with chips*

#### FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,918,217  
Receipts 9/14: \$39,511  
YTD receipts: \$1,839,414  
Fall Missions Offering: \$3,715

#### DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Seth Ablordeppey

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Ray Young
- 10AM Eris Wilson
- 11AM Jimmie Callaway

#### SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 21

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, September 24

- 6PM Roy Story

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

9:00AM  
10:00AM  
11:15AM

REJOICE **VS** WORRY

Philippians 4:1-9